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Red Meat Production Up 11 Percent From Last Year

Commercial red meat production for Pennsylvania totaled 112.2 million pounds in March, up 11 percent from the 101.4 million pounds produced in March 2014, according to King Whetstone, Director of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Northeastern Regional Field Office.

Cattle slaughter totaled 83.0 thousand head, up 9 percent from March 2014. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,228 pounds.

Calf slaughter totaled 7,200 head, 34 percent below March 2014. The average live weight was up 26 pounds from last year, at 427 pounds.

Hog slaughter totaled 252.9 thousand head, up 13 percent from March 2014. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 268 pounds.

Sheep slaughter totaled 6,000 head, 13 percent above last year. The average live weight was 99 pounds, down 2 pounds from March a year ago.

March 2014 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

March 2015 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

The complete Livestock Slaughter report and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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